appointment, escaped from him, till at last observing it half buried in the cup of a tulip, he rushed forwards and snatching it with violence crushed it to pieces; the dying insect, seeing the poor boy much chagrined, addressed him in the following words:

"Behold now thoughtless youth the end of thy unprofitable solicitude, and learn, for the benefit of thy future life, that all *worldly* pleasure, however it may appear in the most inviting dress, is but a painted butterfly, which may amuse you in the pursuit, but if embraced with too much ardour will perish in the grasp."

Take heed of strong attachments to things of time and sense

sense, for, like a snowball, the faster you endeavour to hold them, the faster they melt away.

Make a Virtue of Necessity.

A Fox closely pursued by a pack of hounds, took shelter under a bramble bush; for a while he lay very snug, but mind if he attempted to stir he was wounded by the thorns and prickles, however he did not complain, reflecting that good and evil are mixed, and often flow from the same fountain; these briars, indeed, said he, may tear my skin but they preserve my life from danger, for the

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